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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS

SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 68.0 degrees, 3.7 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, July 2. Precipitation averaged 0.36 inches, 0.64 inches below normal. The South Central and Northeast districts had the most precipitation with 0.69 and 0.65 inches, respectively. The Northwest and West Central districts were the driest with only 0.20 inches of precipitation. Since April 1, the state has received 13.45 inches of precipitation, 2.03 inches above normal.

Reporters rated 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, June 30. This is 4.1 days behind last year and 3.4 days behind the 1995-99 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 39 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2000	4.1	2.6	48.1
1999	5.3	6.7	68.8
1995-1999	4.6	6.0	51.7

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	3	69	28
Last Week	0	2	59	39
Same Week Last Year	20	40	39	1
1995-1999 Average	5	18	53	24

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 2

Reporters rated the average **corn** development stage for the state as 9-10 leaves fully emerged. **Soybeans** are 95 percent emerged. This is eight days behind 1999 and three days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Twelve percent of soybeans are blooming. This is four days behind 1999 but about four days ahead of the 1995-99 average.

Oats headed progressed 10 points to 95 percent headed. This is three days behind last year but five days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Oats are 5 percent ripe, ten days behind 1999. Eighty-one percent of the **winter wheat** crop is ripe, about two days ahead of last year. Winter wheat harvested is 16 percent complete. This is on schedule with last year but three days ahead of the 1995-99 average.

Alfalfa hay first cutting is 93 percent complete. This is

twenty days behind last year and one day behind the five-year average. Second cutting alfalfa is 21 percent complete, about ten days behind 1999 and two days ahead of the 1995-99 average. **Other hay** first cutting advanced seven points to 86 percent complete. This is seventeen days behind last year but on schedule with the five-year average. Other hay second cutting is 7 percent complete, eight days behind 1999 and three days behind the 1995-99 average.

Processing tomatoes advanced five points to 100 percent planted. **Strawberries** are 97 percent harvested, two days behind last year but ten days ahead of the five-year average.

Activities for the week included harvesting wheat and barley; hoeing tomato and pepper fields; lining pickle vines; mowing ditches; spraying crops; replanting soybeans and corn; making hay; chopping silage; certifying crops; repairing equipment and buildings; mowing waterways and farm lots; spreading manure; spraying orchards; scouting fields for insects and disease; picking strawberries and blackberries, harvesting sweet corn, cabbage, zucchini, and other vegetables, and shearing Christmas trees.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reported weed pressures included Canadian thistle, ragweed, foxtail, lambsquarter, hemp dogbane, velvet leaf, nut grass, ironweed, multiflora rose, and johnsongrass. Reported insects were black cutworms and European corn borer in corn, bean leaf beetles, slugs, spittle bugs, wire worms, seed corn maggots, spider mites, gypsy moths, tent caterpillars, aphids in wheat, alfalfa weevil, and potato leaf hoppers. Reported diseases were root diseases in soybeans; rust, powdery mildew, head scab, and glume blotch in wheat; Stewart's wilt in sweet corn, canker and early blight on tomatoes; and spring black stem in alfalfa.

Fruit and vegetable crops were reported in mostly good condition throughout the state with the exception of excessive moisture causing rotting problems. In Washington county, producers are picking sweet corn and some pumpkins are beginning to vine. In Champaign county, sweet corn is tassling and silking.

Reporters throughout the state continue to comment on the poor growing conditions caused by excessive moisture. In the Northwest, North Central, and Northeast districts many farmers will not plant up to 30 percent of intended soybean acres due to too much rain. Replanting of crops has been attempted but wet fields are causing poor stands and high weed population.

Livestock conditions are mostly good except for too many flies due to wet weather. In Muskingum county, cattle are in good condition but there are reports of a poor calf crop due to the heat and drought of last year.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 2

Crop	2000	1999	1995-99 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 1 st cutting	93	100	94	89	NA
Alfalfa hay 2 nd cutting	21	47	18	9	NA
Oats headed	95	98	85	85	65
Oats ripe	5	12	27	3	NA
Other hay 1 st cutting	86	100	86	79	NA
Other hay 2 nd cutting	7	20	9	4	NA
Processing tomatoes planted	100	100	100	95	NA
Soybeans emerged	95	100	92	92	95
Soybeans blooming	12	21	6	2	8
Strawberries harvested	97	99	88	90	NA
Winter wheat ripe	81	76	40	16	NA
Winter wheat harvested	16	16	8	2	52

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 2

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	21	47	24
Previous Week	2	5	20	50	23
Previous Year	2	7	26	51	14
HAY					
Current Week	3	8	27	50	12
Previous Week	2	12	26	47	13
Previous Year	5	17	35	37	6
OATS					
Current Week	0	5	23	61	11
Previous Week	0	6	27	58	9
Previous Year	2	7	29	54	8
PASTURE					
Current Week	1	6	25	54	14
Previous Week	1	5	25	54	15
Previous Year	11	24	34	26	5
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	5	13	33	40	9
Previous Week	5	13	27	45	10
Previous Year	2	7	27	50	14
WINTER WHEAT					
Current Week	0	3	18	54	25
Previous Week	1	3	17	52	27
Previous Year	0	2	16	58	24

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 2

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	67.1	-5.0	0.20	-0.80	15.21	4.58	108	-41	1177	2
North Central	67.6	-3.8	0.26	-0.74	14.47	3.61	109	-37	1149	10
Northeast	66.4	-3.3	0.65	-0.37	13.63	2.65	103	-34	1091	10
West Central	68.0	-4.5	0.20	-0.86	14.45	2.86	115	-37	1271	34
Central	68.7	-3.6	0.29	-0.65	13.85	2.02	116	-36	1292	34
Central Hills	67.4	-3.1	0.25	-0.79	13.72	2.18	109	-32	1161	13
Northeast Hills	67.4	-3.1	0.40	-0.62	13.50	2.17	110	-32	1170	-4
Southwest	68.4	-4.9	0.22	-0.75	13.59	1.43	119	-39	1348	16
South Central	69.7	-3.0	0.69	-0.32	11.30	-0.20	122	-31	1400	40
Southeast	68.9	-2.6	0.46	-0.52	11.35	-0.21	117	-29	1301	31
STATE	68.0	-3.7	0.36	-0.64	13.45	2.03	113	-35	1245	20

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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